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**Election/Restrictions**

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-5 are drawn to modular system for a module sensor that determines the distance and the position using a sensor that communicates information concerning the velocity, classified in class 271, subclasses 3.13, 3.15 and 31.1.
- II. Claims 6-12 are drawn to a franking machine for processing envelopes, class 705, subclass 401.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

- 1. Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I has separate utility such as using a modular system to determine the distance and position using a

sensor. Invention II has a separate utility such as using a franking machine for the processing of envelopes. See MPEP 806.05(d).

2. Due to the fact that these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

### ***Conclusion***

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